

PREMIER'S REPLY PLEASES NATION

British Press Raises Chorus of Approval of Lloyd-George's Speech.

London, Eng., Dec. 26.—Premier Lloyd-George's reply to Germany's peace proposal meets with a chorus of approval in the British press and the general comment is that if Germany really wants peace she will, when the joint reply of the allies is received, state terms which can form a basis of discussion. The Manchester Guardian says:

"Premier Lloyd-George has not shut the door on peace with that resounding clang for which some of his less balanced supporters in the press have been listening. It is true he insisted on the impossibility of accepting the German invitation as it stands. In this he was seconded ably by Mr. Asquith and will be approved by the country. The German chancellor must be both more modest and more explicit before he can expect any favorable answer to his invitation."

True Reparation Impossible. In the present form, it continues, reparation is impossible, for the deepest wounds cannot be undone. "Security we certainly require," the Guardian continues. "The best security is the firm, unbroken front of the alliance, fortified when the war ends by a universal league to enforce peace, in such a league America would play a great part and her presence alone would be no small security."

Expressing the opinion that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will admit, on reflection, that the proposals of the entente allies, as outlined by Mr. Lloyd-George, form a basis for discussion, the Guardian says: "There is in this, as in all countries, a great volume of opinion, too little vocal, unfortunately, in favor of a serious effort on the part of Europe's statesmen to put an end to the carnage which is destroying the whole generation of the young."

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War At A Glance

Further development in the peace movement in Europe now await the presentation of the formal reply of the entente allies to proposals of the central powers. David Lloyd George, the British premier, and premier Briand of France, have indicated that this reply will speedily be forthcoming.

The driving campaign of field marshal von Mackensen in Rumania seems nearly at an end. In any event, whether or not some further move of an important nature is in contemplation in this war theater, the reports show comparative quiet to be prevailing at present.

On the Franco-Belgian front there is a lull, with the quieting down of the recent activity at Verdun, while latest reports from both Russian and Austro-Hungarian fronts show little but artillery duels and skirmishes.

In Macedonia, the reports show rains and fog prevailing with no military movements with the exception of patrol engagements.

NO REPARATION BELIEVED LIKELY

German Papers Are Not Sanguine of Peace Being Effected at Present.

Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 26.—Commenting on premier Lloyd-George's speech, the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin, Germany, says:

"Reparation could be demanded by England only if Germany had declared war on England, if we were to blame for the war, if we had committed crimes against international law and if we had been defeated."

The Lokal Anzeiger takes the viewpoint that Mr. Lloyd-George's remarks about reparation are of no value inasmuch as nothing has been said thus far about peace conditions.

This newspaper continues: "If Lloyd-George means to postpone satisfying Europe's desire for peace until the time when the entente is successful in conquering Germany's armies and those of her allies, then the whole of Europe will be disappointed. Lloyd-George knows full well that this announcement means eternal war, unless it is in the power of the German command to bring it to an earlier termination than Lloyd-George supposes."

The Tagliche Rundschau says it prefers to await the promised reply of the entente, adding:

"For the present it appears that the conflict is very great between Lloyd-George's standpoint and that described from the German side as the basis for peace."

BRITAIN MAY DRAFT LABOR OF NATION

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might never given an opportunity of having great masses of men.

They faced the greatest army the world has ever seen, the best equipped, the best trained, and they have beaten them, beaten them, beaten them.

"Battle after battle, day after day, week after week, in the strongest and most determined, ever decided by human skill, they have driven them out by valor which is incredible when you read the story of it."

NEW AND HEAVIER TAXES ARE PROPOSED IN FRANCE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—New taxes proposed in France to care for increased war expenditures next year extend in many directions, reports to the United States government show.

One tax would assess mobilizable men not actually performing military duty 12 francs each and also an additional amount graded according to the income tax paid by the person assessed. Another would be a national levy on dogs.

Heavier taxes are planned on amusements, horses and vehicles, incomes, personal estates, traffic in alcoholic drinks and many other things. Prices are to be raised on tobacco, a government monopoly, and taxes will be laid on the domestic consumption of coffee, tea, cocoa and confections.

Under the plan, the income tax will be raised from two to five percent and the exemption lower from 5000 to 3000 francs. The tax on personal estates will be increased from four to five percent.

DEFENCE SAYS CONSULATE HAD SPIES WATCHING BRITISH

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 26.—(Infectious and not dynamite to uncover construction of submarines in the United States for the entente allies and shipments of Japanese from California for war duty, were hired by the German consulate here, according to Theodore Roche in his opening statement for the defense of Bruno Bopp and associates on trial for alleged dynamiting conspiracies.

Roche asserted British ships transported Japanese from San Francisco to Japanese warships in the Pacific. Roche said J. C. Crowley, Louis J. Smith, J. H. Van Koolbergen and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, alleged consulate spies, were supposed to keep tabs also on entente munition shipments.

TROOPS UNAWARE OF PROPOSALS

Germans Captured in the Trenches Never Heard of Kaiser's Efforts.

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 19.—(Via London, Dec. 20.)—Out of a group of German prisoners taken on one section of the British front Sunday only a noncommissioned officer had heard anything of the German emperor's peace proposal. This circumstance, coupled with the fact that there have been no demonstrations from any of the German trenches, caused much speculation among the British officers as to whether, despite the emperor's address to his troops, the new peace overtures have been permitted to reach the men actually engaged on the fighting line.

Allied Supremacy in Air. Documents captured within the last few days, repeatedly mention the audacity and initiative of the allied airmen and field marshal von Hindenburg is quoted as having issued orders that the supremacy of the air must be sharply contested.

According to these documents, the German chief of staff has ordered that where the German lines are crossed by hostile aviators, German machines must penetrate an equal distance over the allied lines. There have been only comparatively few hours of good flying weather in the last week but numerous combats have taken place, 20 being fought on one morning on a certain sector.

German artillery has recently been active and has responded more freely to the continuing British fire. According to prisoners, the preponderance of British shells has depressed the German troops in the trenches who thought that their own artillery was not supporting them with the same vigor as that the English gave to their men.

DEFENCE SAYS WILD HORSES HAVE BEEN CAUGHT; SOLD
Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26.—Testimony intended to show that wild horses were numerous on the government reservation in Coccino county, Ariz., and that they had sold in carload lots for \$20 to \$25 a head on the Omaha and Kansas City markets, was introduced by the defense Tuesday in the government's suit against the United States Livestock company and the Omaha Land and Investment company, charged with use of the mails to defraud in sales of Arizona Mustangs by which it is alleged, \$1,000,000 was secured.

Government witnesses testified there were fewer than 1000 wild horses on the reservation and that most of them were musticks and belonged to the state and the others were the property of settlers.

BOY SCHOOL LEADS IN NUMBER AND DOUGLAS IN PERCENTAGE

A boy school, with 1247, showed the greatest average numerical attendance during November, while Douglas, with 57 percent, had the greatest percentage of attendance, during November, according to the report of attendance in the El Paso schools, which was given out Wednesday morning by the school department. The report shows the following average attendance and percentages, respectively:

Alamo, 756 and 55; Alta Vista, 715 and 52.5; Aoy, 1247 and 52.6; Bailey, 422 and 54.5; Beatty, 1118 and 54.7; Franklin, 531 and 57; High, 740 and 50.3; Junior High, 546 and 52.8; Highland Park, 304 and 53.5; Lamar, 425 and 55.9; San Jacinto, 611 and 50. Old High, 578 and 55.1; Villa, 208 and 55; Douglas, 207 and 57; Oodawa, 32 and 57; total, 5455 and 53.7.

TWO FURNITURE MOVERS ARE HURT WHEN A WALL FALLS

I. Strata and J. Vazquez, laborers in the employ of the Western Transfer company, were injured Tuesday afternoon at 2:55 o'clock by the falling of a wall in a house at Celada and Madera streets.

The men were engaged in removing a piece of furniture from the dwelling. The wall collapsed and buried them under it. Vazquez sustained a compound fracture of the right leg, while Strata was struck about the body. The men were removed to Hotel Iben in the McLean, Simmons and Hartford ambulance.

RED CROSS STAMPS ON ILLICIT LIQUOR BOTTLES

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Police, in raiding blind tiger joints here during December, found most bottles of liquor bore Red Cross stamps.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate.
Senator Newlands urged compromise flood control bill before commerce committee.

Resumed consideration of District of Columbia prohibition bill.

House.
Considered consent deficiency appropriation bill.

Rear admirals Strauss and Griffin testified before the naval affairs committee.

Gen. Crozier appeared before the military affairs committee.

SENATE PASSES MEASURE TO INCREASE NIAGARA POWER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Senate Wednesday's resolution to authorize an increase in the amount of water diverted from Niagara Falls to increase the electric power output of plants on the American side of the river was passed today by the senate.

The measure aims to increase the American power output to make up for the curtailment of power from the Canadian side which is being kept at home for munition plants and other military activities.

The Chinese were probably acquainted with the use of sugar 2000 years ago.

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